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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, APRIL 4, 1978:

HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN ECE

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM FRG PERMREP OFFICIAL THAT
APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL AGREED ON COMMON
COMMUNITY POSITION REGARDING HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS (HLM)
IN ECE. SOURCE SAID THAT COUNCIL DECIDED COMMUNITY
SHOULD OPPOSE REACHING A DECISION AT UPCOMING 33RD ECE
PLENARY ON WHETHER TO HOLD ENVIRONMENT HLM. EC WILL
PUSH FOR CONTINUED STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS DURING
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THE COMING YEAR BY THE ECE SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRON-
MENTAL POLICY, WHO SHOULD FOCUS ON SELECTION OF POSSIBLE
TOPICS FOR ENVIRONMENT HLM AGENDA. EC WOULD AIM FOR
DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ON ENVIRONMENT HLM AT THE 1979
ECE PLENARY.

2. FRG OFFICIAL SAID COUNCIL DECIDED EC SHOULD OPPOSE

ENERGY HLM AT 33RD PLENARY BUT THAT IT SHOULD SUPPORT STANOVNIK'S PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SENIOR ADVISERS GROUP ON ENERGY QUESTIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE AS ITS PRIMARY TASK THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL AGREED THE COMMUNITY SHOULD OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSPORT HLM.

4. AT HIS POST-COUNCIL PRESS CONFERENCE, DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN (COUNCIL PRESIDENT) RESPONDED TO A QUESTION FROM THE PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

--THE COUNCIL AGREED TO PROMOTE PREPARATORY WORK ON AN ENVIRONMENT HLM WITH A VIEW TO MAKING A DECISION POSSIBLE AT THE 34TH ECE PLENARY NEXT YEAR; THE EC IS PREPARED IN THE MEANTIME TO COOPERATE IN SELECTING TOPICS FOR A POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT HLM;

--THE EC WILL SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SENIOR ADVISERS GROUP ON ENERGY QUESTIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION;

--THE EC DOES NOT ACCORD THE "SAME PRIORITY" TO TRANSPORT AS TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSIONS.
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